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SUBJECT: SIL CONTRACT RENEWAL

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1. AS FEBRUARY 4 CONTRACT RENEWAL DATE APPROACHES, THE LEFTIST PRESS CONTINUES TO ATTACK THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS (SIL). CRITICISM IS COUNTERED BY AN ARTICLE IN RECENT ISSUE OF GENTE MAGAZINE SUPPORTING SIL AND LABELING AS SLANDEROUS ARTICLES SUCH AS THOSE THAT HAVE APPEARED IN EXPRESO AND CORREO. ALSO, FEBRUARY 2 EDITION OF LA PRENSA CARRIED ARTICLE WRITTEN BY FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER (1950'S) JUAN MENDOZA RODRIGUEZ, WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE INITIAL SIL PROGRAMS, LAUDING THE WORK OF SIL.

2. SIL OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF ON JANUARY 31 THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO MEET WITH SEVERAL BISHOPS FROM JUNGLE AREA DURING JANUARY EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE HELD IN LIMA (REFTL). SIL OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT CHURCH WILL ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT SUPPORTING FOREIGN MISSIONARIES, BOTH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT, AND THIS WILL SERVE AS A KIND OF ENDORSEMENT FOR SIL WORK.

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3. SIL OFFICIALS ALSO NOTED THAT THE INTER-MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE DELIVERATING ON SIL QUESTION HAS FINISHED ITS WORK
AND SUBMITTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. SIL OFFICIALS NOT YET
AWARE OF RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT CONTRACT
WILL BE RENEWED.
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